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SUBJECT: MEETING OF MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MET SEPTEMBER 25.
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED.

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR NOTED THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN TO DEPARTMENT, WHERE IT AWAITS APPROVAL. ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR PIP, WE NOW HAVE A MEMO FROM PIP ANSWERING AID/W QUESTIONS ABOUT PERUVIAN ABILITY TO USE EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVELY. MISSION IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE EQUIPMENT ORDER, AS MODIFIED BY WASHINGTON AND ACCEPTED BY PIP, NOW BE PROCURED AND DELIVERED.

2. THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO GUARDIA CIVIL UNDER LAST YEAR'S PLAN. GUARDIA COULD NOT KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH MISSION COORDINATOR, BUT WE HOPE TO GET TOGETHER SOON TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

3. MISSION WILL REPORT MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S RECENT COMMENTS ON USE OF PEANUTS IN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED HE WOULD HOST A LUNCH SEPTEMBER 26 FOR INTERIOR

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MINISTER, HEAD OF PIP AND PERUVIAN AND U.S. OFFICERS ENGAGED

IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON CROP SUBSTITUTION AND OTHER SUBJECTS AND REPORT FURTHER.

4. MISSION COORDINATOR SAID MESSRS. WINN AND HENSEL FROM AID/OPS ARE PRESENTLY IN PERU CONDUCTING SURVEYS ON RECORDS AND NARCOTICS LABORATORY TECHNIQUES RESPECTIVELY. WINN IS SUBMITTING HIS REPORT TO PIP AFTER REVIEW BY EMBASSY. HENSEL WILL SEND TECHNICAL JOURNALS TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO PIP.

5. THE AID DIRECTOR SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE SEND IN THE GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE U.S. TECHNICAL EXPERT WHO WILL COME TO PERU TO ASSIST IN INSTALLATION OF PIP COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SO THAT BOTH THE EQUIPMENT AND THE EXPERT CAN BE PROGRAMMED TO BE IN PERU AT SAME TIME. SPECIFICATIONS ALSO NEEDED FOR WALKIE-TALKIES AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CAMERAS PROVIDED FOR IN LAST YEAR'S NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN.

6. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE REPORTED RECEIVING A REPORT FROM A TEAM WHICH STUDIES CROP SUBSTITUTION IN BOLIVIA. THIS REPORT COULD HAVE SOME APPLICATION IN PERU. HE WILL SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE AUTHORS TO DISTRIBUTE THE REPORT TO APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SEE SEPTTEL).

7. ANOTHER COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTED THAT THE USG IS REPORTEDLY SPENDING \$250,000 THIS YEAR ON A PILOT PROGRAM IN CROP SUBSTITUTION IN BOLIVIA AND THAT VENEZUELA IS SPENDING \$1 MILLION ON THE SAME EFFORT.

8. THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE LACK OF ADEQUATE STATISTICS ON ANNUAL COCA CROP IN PERU AND THE NEED FOR COORDINATION OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE COCA PROBLEM. A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE GOP'S ABILITY TO COLLECT RELIABLE STATISTICS IS ESSENTIAL TO PROGRESS IN ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS HERE, AND WE WILL EXPLORE HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCH IMPROVEMENT.
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